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NOTE FOR: A/DCI

You will recall that at a recent hearing, I replied to Senator Chafee's question of what he could do for the Intelligence Community by saying that one of the most important things would be to use his good offices to reverse the trend to reduce substantive Department of State overseas personnel--particularly political and economic officers. (I think I also added that it is a mistake to close consulates, for they are an additional window into what is happening outside capital cities.)

Having made that statement on instinct, I returned to the building and asked [redacted] to get me the facts. He has done so.. State Department provided these figures

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[redacted] The results of [redacted] investigation are contained in the attached memorandum. I think this could be a very important breakfast item. If you agree, we can rework the paper. However, it seems to me that it is acceptable as is unless you wish to hand it to Shultz. Please advise.

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